

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administrative Center
Sixth Floor Conference Room
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maranda – Chair Elect, Beck, Brunk, Carroll-Duda, Dawson, Deppe, Freeman, Gradert, Heninger, Kinzer, Klipsch, Lack, Lawrence, O’Boyle, Parker, Schloemer, Sherwin, Sorensen, Stoermer, Tank, Thoms, Tompkins, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Acri, Broderson, Condon, Gallagher, Jones, Kiser, Knobbe, Looney, Mather, Mendenhall, Moore, Newton-Butt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Limberg, Long Grove Mayor; Pat D’Alessandro, American Red Cross of the Quad Cities and West Central Illinois

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce, Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough, Moritz

Chair Elect Maranda called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and asked for introductions.

1. Approval of the January 23, 2019 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting as presented. Mayor Limberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Klipsch presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 31, 2019, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$680,628.54. Mr. Stoermer moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor O’Boyle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$48,051.46, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to 1 staff attending\$ 3,243.04
The Dress and Appearance Requirements for HR; annual subscription to NinitePro; annual subscription for InterGen website; 1 staff attending the Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association Electronic Recycle meeting; 2 staff attending the Quad Cities Stormwater conference; 2 staff attending the Environmental Systems Research Institute training; Iowa Intergovernmental meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Managers & Administrator’s Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Iowa Council of Governments meeting; Iowa/Illinois PL Aerial Photo Procurement meetings; Chief Elected & Chief Administrative Officials (cost reimbursed by participants); office equipment and supplies

team and new team, and local partners don't know the people who are arriving. Finally, the staff cycles out every 2-3 weeks.

The DRO Director performs the following functions:

- Ensures the delivery of services to clients in order to meet their immediate disaster-caused needs
- Establishes relationships and coordinates internally with government and non-government partners for mission accomplishment
- Ensures mutually-beneficial coordination and collaboration with community and government partners with a level of transparency that fosters trust
- Establishes relationships and maintains daily contact with assigned elected and appointed officials
- Provides accurate and timely information regarding Red Cross response and recovery operations to officials within their assigned jurisdictions
- Coordinates with the disaster operation to facilitate and assist with briefings, congressional and legislative visits, and tours for officials and other VIPs

Ms. D'Allessandro also spoke of the Sound the Alarm effort related to home fires. Every eight minutes, someone in the U.S. is affected by a disaster, and the vast majority are home fires, killing more people in America annually than all natural disasters combined. Seven people are killed by home fires every day. Children, the elderly, and lower-income communities are most adversely affected. People have only two minutes to get out of a burning building. As a first responder to home fires, Red Cross wants to change the odds of survival by providing working smoke alarms in this second Sound the Alarm event on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Last year, 783 households received fire alarms in the region.

6. Brief Overview of CEDS Progress Report 2019. Ms. Bruce informed the Commission that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2019 Progress Report (CEDS PR) is currently under development, and she provided a draft of the demographics section of the document, which breaks down regional demographics on people, place, and the economy. Ms. Bruce also handed out a listing of completed, underway, and planned economic development-related projects in the Bi-State Region. She urged Commissioners to read through those lists and encourage their community employees to provide information on known projects they want included in the plan.

A copy of the Analysis of Regional Economy section was emailed to Commissioners after the meeting. This section includes strengths, opportunities, challenges, and threats (SWOT) to the Bi-State Region's economy as identified by members of the CEDS committee. Commissioners were encouraged to provide input regarding the SWOT as well as to the general analysis section.

7. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. Mayor Klipsch informed the Commission about a Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative event that he and Mayors Gallagher and Thoms will be attending in Washington, D.C. They will be meeting with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi on river flooding and commerce issues along the Mississippi River.
8. Other Business. Ms. Bulat reminded Commissioners of the Scott County Economic Development Summit on February 28, 2019, as well as the Alternative Energy Workshop on March 5, 2019. Other announcements included a flood resiliency meeting in Riverdale and job fairs coming up at local high schools.

9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Carroll-Duda
Secretary